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**From:** Gottstein, Brian J.  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2013 5:23 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Caroline  
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**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2013 3:25 PM  
**To:** Gottstein, Brian J.  
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Brian,

Good afternoon!

I am the public affairs officer for Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs. One part of my job is to facilitate information requests and service verifications on former Marines. As such, I've received a media query about Mr. Cuccinelli's service record.

I have received documents from the National Personnel Records Center and am working through those now. Documents will not be provided to the requestor, but I will provide him with releasable information via email.

I don't see mention of the Marine Corps in his bio, but did find a response from his campaign (2009):

"Ken successfully completed OCS and was commissioned a Marine Corps officer. He was deactivated to complete law school, and the Marines never reactivated him, as they had over-recruited lawyers and they refused his request to switch to the infantry. So, aside from OCS, Ken never served on active duty."

The first and last sentences are accurate. The second sentence may be technically accurate for the most part, but what it communicates is not.

My intention for this email is to:

- 1) Provide a courtesy head's up that I've received this request.
- 2) To see if there's a more recent response to query your office has provided on the question of his service.

Finally, if you are interested, I'll be happy to provide you with my response once it has been sent to the requestor.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Email is always best for me, but if you prefer phone I do caution that my voicemail is constantly filling up. If you do not reach me, please send me a note with the best time to return your call.

Thank you!

s/f SDH

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